

SINN FEIN BOMBS AND GUNFIRE HALT MOVES FOR PEACE

Extremists Renew Hostilities With Great Violence in Martial Law Districts Following Raids. TERRORISTS IN DUBLIN Street Bomb Attack Causes Panic in Auction Room Crowded With Women and Children. MORE AMBUSH FIGHTING Father O'Flanagan Repudiated as Peace Envoy and People Are Impatient to Hear From De Valera.

The extreme elements in Ireland have reopened hostilities with such violence as to create the impression in official circles here that they have given up hope of getting anywhere by peace negotiations and again have taken matters into their own hands. Talk of truce negotiations is now almost still-born by the blasts from Sinn Fein guns and bombs. When these negotiations seemed most hopeful this class of violence ceased almost entirely, the only disturbances being the frequent raids by military and police to which Ireland was subjected. Perhaps these raids explain in some measure why Sinn Fein is hitting back; but in any event the new clashes are rapidly smothering all peace talk. For a month many had hoped in the activities of Father O'Flanagan, but it was learned to-night that Downing Street had received authentic information from Irish leaders in Dublin that Father O'Flanagan had no right to speak for any one in Ireland except himself. Since Lloyd George was the only man wanted to do business with "the man on the bridge," this latest understanding eliminates Father O'Flanagan, at least, as an emissary.

De Valera Losing Strength. Nothing tangible in the direction of peace is likely to develop until De Valera comes out with his expected statement of policy. There is still no indication when this will be issued, and it is only too apparent with every day's delay that all is not well in the councils of Sinn Fein, and that the silence is costing "President" De Valera some of the strength that came to him with his dramatic arrival in Dublin.

The crown forces in the martial law area of Cork learned to-day what had been done with some of the arms which had been ordered to be given up. Soldiers saw a woman at Blarney cross a field, drop something and then go right on. On investigation they found that the object she had dropped was a Lewis gun. This led to a thorough search of the whole field and disclosed several dozens of containing stores. Among the articles seized in this manner were three rifles, four Lewis guns, a quantity of explosives, a thousand rounds of ammunition, a number of revolvers, twenty-three pistols, some crown military uniforms, steel helmets and other equipment and secret correspondence.

Ambush Near Limerick. Soon after this discovery several arrests were made, but Dublin Castle refused to divulge the names of the persons arrested or the nature of the evidence responsible for the arrests.

Outrages are continuing in the martial law district. At noon to-day a body of soldiers and police fell into an ambush at Cratloe, County Clare, between Ennis and Limerick. Two sergeants were killed and four constables wounded. Troops returning to the scene later found the body of one of the sergeants along the roadside with the pockets of his uniform turned inside out and his gun and ammunition missing.

Dublin Castle issued a statement to-day in which this latest attack was referred to as "an instance of the utter ruthlessness and disregard for the safety of citizens by ambushers who operate against the crown forces in crowded areas." The statement also mentioned a bomb attack which had taken place in a Dublin street, saying: "The alarm was increased by the entry of one of the assailants into a crowded auction room, where, flourishing a pistol, he ordered the people to make way for the men, explaining that they must get away at once." A panic was created in the auction room, which was crowded with many women and children. One of the women fainted and several others were injured in the crush, the statement said.

1 KILLED, 6 WOUNDED BY MYSTERY BULLET British Soldiers Deny It Came From Them.

DUBLIN, Jan. 13.—A mysterious shooting affair occurred near the O'Connell bridge in Dublin this afternoon. A detachment of soldiers was stationed at this place, and one shot was heard. But it is declared the soldiers did not fire. Seven casualties resulted, one girl being killed, one boy to-day mortally wounded and five other persons wounded. Witnesses say that a crowd had gathered to watch the soldiers stopping automobiles, and that it was when the military was leaving that a single shot was fired, which wrought the havoc.

How the discharge of one rifle could

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Rembrandt's Landscape, Value \$2,000,000, Stolen

HAMBURG, Jan. 13.—Rembrandt's landscape "After the Thunderstorm" was stolen from a private owner here January 5 and supposedly was shipped to the United States on board the steamer Mongolia, which sailed January 6. The painting, which is on wood, is sixty-five centimetres in length and forty-nine centimetres high (about twenty-six inches by twenty inches). It is said to be valued at \$2,000,000.

MARY GARDEN NOW OPERA DIRECTOR

Elected to Both Executive and Artistic Management in Chicago.

TO RETAIN USUAL ROLES Bespeaks Cooperation of Her Company as Tribute to American Womanhood.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Miss Mary Garden was elected general director of the Chicago Grand Opera Company Association to-day at a meeting of its directors. "Our Mary" will commence her duties at once. She receives no extra compensation for her added responsibilities as director for the remainder of the present season and next year. She will receive as heretofore cachets from regular performances as an artist of the company.

She will continue in the double capacity of artistic and general director, the position formerly held by Maestro Campanini.

Last spring Herbert Johnson was selected to fill the position of executive director and Gino Marinuzzi as artistic director. This temporary arrangement was made by the directors of the company until a suitable successor could be found to fill the vacancy made by the death of Campanini.

The resignation of Mr. Marinuzzi brought about by continual strife among the artistically inclined members of the company, which culminated in an open breach between the French and Italian artists, brought about a situation which has resulted in the abolishing of both the newly created positions.

"Our Mary" will be supreme in her new job. She will be in full command of the legislative committee and also of the entire artistic and legislative management of the company. A business manager will be appointed to assist Miss Garden with the business affairs of the company.

"I am confident of my ability to make good in my new undertaking," said Miss Garden this evening. "I sincerely appreciate the responsibility that has been reposed in me by the Chicago Grand Opera Company. It is another stride forward for American women. I'll make good if I am allowed to have full charge. I have been assured by the directors that I shall use my own judgment in the conducting of the affairs of the company."

"I want to continue the splendid work that was started by Cleofonte Campanini. My first efforts will be to bring complete harmony among all the artists and to make a success of the job both artistically and in a business way."

"I will be on the job all the time. I know that everybody with the company will work with me—not for me. I won't ask anybody to do anything I wouldn't do myself. It'll be a regular 'field manager,' as they say in baseball. Maybe when I get older I might direct from 'the bench.' I'm the happiest woman in America to-night."

\$100,000 PRIZE BULL'S PART OWNER A SUICIDE

Ex-Cashier of Bank Faced 13 Indictments for Theft.

DIXON, Ill., Jan. 13.—Elmer J. Courtney, formerly cashier of the County State Bank, which failed recently, and also a petitioner in bankruptcy, killed himself to-day in the Lee County Court house as he was waiting for him to enter his plea to thirteen indictments returned against him yesterday charging forgery, embezzlement and larceny.

Investigation of Courtney's affairs began early in December when he filed his petition in bankruptcy. He told then of how he had forsaken banking for livestock.

One story concerned a \$100,000 bull—Ragapple Crondyck VIII, in which he and his partner had a half interest. Subsequently it was found the animal was of comparatively little value.

MASCAGNI EXPLAINS LABOR FUSION PLAN

Says Economic Crisis Drove Brain Workers to Join.

NAPLES, Jan. 13.—Pietro Mascagni, the composer, in a speech to-day at the inauguration of the new cooperative movement among the workers in theatres, intellectual as well as manual, laid emphasis upon the significance of the fusion movement, declaring that the gravity of the economic situation had induced brain workers to join the manual laborers in factories, to the common benefit.

He proposed the building of a people's theatre, for the production of opera and drama and for concerts.

ALASKA MOB KILLS PRISONER. JASPER, Alaska, Jan. 13.—William Beard, a miner, held in connection with the killing of James Morris, a guardman, on December 23 last year, was taken from the Walker county jail here early to-day by a mob and shot to death three miles from Jasper.

HEAVY SNOW IN MIDWEST. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 13.—A heavy snowfall was reported to-day over Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, while rain, freezing as it fell, prevailed throughout Arkansas.

LOCKWOOD'S FIGHT TO GET NEW POWER GOES TO GOVERNOR

Undermyer and Chairman Will Confer With Executive This Morning.

DOUBT ABOUT RESULT Opponents of Inquiry Into Financial Institutions Suggest Compromise.

CIVIC SOCIETIES ACTIVE Investigation of New York City Administration Again Discussed at Albany.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—

Samuel Undermyer arrived here to-night to take command of the Lockwood committee forces in their fight with the legislative leaders who are trying to block the proposed investigation of financial interests in New York.

The counsel for the committee came to carry the appeal for help to Gov. Miller.

Determined to force a showdown, Senator Lockwood and Mr. Undermyer agreed to-night that they would not accept any half way compromise measures put forward by the leaders as offering an easy way out of the situation.

The Senator and Mr. Undermyer will talk over the situation with the Governor to-morrow forenoon. They will try to convince the Executive that the public welfare requires that the committee have the authority it seeks to follow all trails of graft and wrongdoing to the end.

Mr. Miller has not in any public expression taken sides in the controversy. His position has not been stated even by his close advisers, although it is known he is concerned deeply over the situation. The Legislature is solely responsible for the life of the committee and the degree of authority it is to have. The Governor may decide either to keep hands off entirely or he may head the appeal of the committee and its counsel and step out of his way to use pressure on legislators in trying to force through the empowering resolution.

Doubt as to Governor's Policy.

There is little doubt that if the Governor should take up the fight on behalf of the committee the resolution would go through with a rush. But officials doubt whether the Governor at the very outset of his administration would take the position of trying to dictate to the Legislature. He has indicated several times that he respects the coordinate branch of the government and may not care to assume the role of dictator even in a contest of such vital importance to the public as this.

The committee and its counsel agreed in the conference to-night that they would not accept the suggestions which came to-day for the first time from the enemies of the inquiry that an effort be made to reach a compromise.

This is the first sign of weakening on the part of the legislative leaders, who have boldly declared a few days ago that the committee could not have added power to back its probe of insurance companies and savings banks.

Even this slight evidence of a buck-down gave Senator Lockwood and his associates great encouragement.

Wants No Hobbled Inquiry.

Mr. Undermyer upon arriving here took the stand that it was useless to talk about going ahead with a hobbled committee. That, he made clear, would mean going through the motions of making an investigation which would run up against a stone wall of legal obstructions as soon as anything vital was discovered. That sort of an inquiry might serve the purpose of letting the Legislature out of its corner, but Mr. Undermyer said he could go only half way at best.

The backfire started by civic associations and other organizations supporting the Lockwood committee apparently began to counteract to-day the propaganda of the financial interests in the senate here. As soon as they began to hear from the tolls back home some of the lawmakers became more moderate in their opposition.

Tammany men in the Senate and Assembly said to-day they could see no reason why the Legislature should not state back to the committee its interest in the senate here. As soon as they began to hear from the tolls back home some of the lawmakers became more moderate in their opposition.

The investigation of the New York City administration also received consideration to-day. Senators Robinson and Meyer, both of whom introduced resolutions calling for a municipal inquiry, called on the Governor this afternoon and discussed their proposals.

CITY CLUB FAVORS LIMITS TO INQUIRY

Would Restrict Lockwood to Housing Problems.

The City Club of New York said its voice yesterday to the growing storm of protest against pressure that is being brought to bear on the Legislature to throttle the Lockwood committee. The City Club's plea was made in a letter from its president, Nelson S. Spencer, to Senator Charles J. Hewitt, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate. The letter supplements similar pleas from the Citizens Union and other civic organizations. The City Club thinks, however, that the power of the committee should be restricted to such fields as are germane to the fundamental housing problem.

White Sulphur Springs.—The Greenbrier for rest and recuperation.

JUDGE LANDIS SEALS UP 21 CHICAGO BUILDINGS UNDER VOLSTEAD ACT

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Property valued at almost \$2,000,000, comprising twenty-one buildings occupied by saloons, is to be closed for all kinds of business for one year by Federal Judge Landis to-morrow morning under the abatement of a nuisance clause of the Volstead act, following the precedent he set yesterday in closing thirteen buildings valued at more than \$1,000,000.

The permanent order issued against the thirteen saloon buildings yesterday came as a shock to the property owners. One of the buildings is owned by the University of Chicago.

According to the writ issued by the Judge, the places were given over to the conduct of liquor selling and must close instantly and not be entered, molested, removed or used for any purpose. "Even a Gospel meeting cannot be held in the premises for a period of a year under the orders issued by the Judge," said one of the attorneys interested.

HARDING TO LEARN ABOUT SALES TAX

Bacharach, Advocate of This Plan for Getting Revenue, Is Invited to Marion.

LAW SURE TO BE REVISED President-Elect Sympathetic Toward Ending Excess Profits Levy.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Drastic revision of the income and excess profits tax laws is on the programme for the extraordinary session of Congress to be called soon after Senator Harding assumes the Presidency, according to reliable information circulated to-day at the Capitol by those in close touch with developments at Marion.

It is Senator Harding's desire, the understanding was, to reduce the income tax probably by diminishing the surtaxes and to eliminate the excess profits tax, which has been objectionable to business.

Coupled with this was the announcement that Representative Isaac Bacharach (N. J.), Republican, member of the Ways and Means Committee, had been summoned to Marion for a conference. He has been one of the strong advocates in the House of a sales tax which may be substituted for the excess profits tax. It was said that Mr. Bacharach would confer with Senator Harding on Saturday.

Wade H. Ellis of Washington, one-time Attorney-General of Ohio and a close friend of the President-elect, got back to-day from a visit to Marion, during which he is understood to have advised a revision of the tax laws to eliminate surtaxes and excess profits. It is said by some members of Congress that Senator Harding is sympathetic with suggestions along this line, although he does not commit himself.

Senator Harding, it is understood, is considering the refunding of recent issues of Government bonds. The debt of \$15,000,000, which is owed to the United States by the allied governments, has been transferred from the Government to the people, the scheme being to have the foreign nations issue bonds in small denominations carrying the endorsement of the United States. The bonds would be sold to investors.

FRANCE EXPECTED CUT IN U. S. RHINE FORCES

Doesn't Care About Number So Long as Flag Stays.

By the Associated Press. PARIS, Jan. 13.—The ordered reduction of the American forces on the Rhine from 15,000 to 5,000, has caused considerable comment in French official circles, although this action was not unexpected. The decision of the War Department is regarded as a logical development of what French officials regard as the American plan to decrease its participation in European affairs to the very minimum.

The withdrawal of all the American troops in Germany would be looked upon by the French as very unfortunate. It is pointed out that the presence of a few thousand Americans on the Rhine has had and is continuing to have a great moral effect on Germany. As Liberty and Victory, about twenty cases have been reported. There have been no fatalities, although patients at the Spring Lake Hospital have been hiccoughing for a week.

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ASBURY PARK HICCOUGHING.

Twenty Cases Are Reported in New Jersey Resort.

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LEHIGH VALLEY TRAIN FOR RETURNING AIRMEN

Lehigh Road Wins Over Competition of N. Y. Central.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad, apparently victorious in the competition with the New York Central for the honor of carrying along the home stretch the three Rockaway naval balloons, announced last night that Lieuts. Kloor, Farrell and Hinton are expected to arrive at the Pennsylvania Station at 10:35 this morning. A special car containing them was attached to the Lehigh Valley train, which left Toronto at 6:22 last night. From the moment they alight at Pennsylvania Station the three will be guests for the afternoon of the Lehigh Valley.

Doubt about the time and route of arrival of the airmen kept the committee of the Rockaway Beach Board of Trade "up in the air" all yesterday. Through the morning the reports from Canada were that the men were to come on the Lehigh Valley train, but no confident

CAPTAIN OF POLICE INDICED THROUGH WHITMAN INQUIRY

First Evidence in City Probe Brings Prompt Action by Grand Jury.

\$500 GRAFT CHARGED Payment for Protection by Fur Employers During Strike, Is Alleged.

ON TRAIL OF MORE 'GIFTS' Investigation to Turn on Other Departments—Accused Officer Is Suspended.

The first of a series of indictments expected by Charles S. Whitman in his search for evidence of criminality within the city government was returned yesterday by the additional January Grand Jury. The whole case was presented and the indictment voted in a single forenoon.

The man accused is Capt. William A. Bailey, commander of the police of the Twenty-third precinct, the old Tenderloin, and a member of the Police Department twenty-eight years. He is charged with asking and receiving money from fur manufacturers in return for police protection of their factories and employees during last summer's strike. The sum mentioned in the indictment is \$500, alleged to have been paid to Capt. Bailey by William Pike, assistant manager of the Associated Fur Manufacturers, Inc., in the Tenderloin station house on or about August 12 last year.

Capt. Bailey went to the Criminal Courts Building where he was arrested and released in \$2,500 bail. He is to be arraigned before Judge Crain in General Sessions this morning. Late yesterday afternoon he was suspended from duty by Commissioner Enright. Capt. Joseph Howard succeeded him in the West Thirtieth street precinct.

The indictment was found under section 1526 of the Penal Law. This prohibits a public officer from asking or receiving a fee for the performance or non-performance of his duty. The offense is a felony. The penalty in case of conviction is imprisonment up to ten years, or a fine up to \$4,000, or both.

Police as Witnesses.

The principal witnesses introduced to the Grand Jury by Mr. Whitman were A. N. Leventhal, treasurer, and D. C. Mills, manager, of the Associated Fur Manufacturers; Mr. Pike, assistant manager, and sergeant and patrolman Capt. Bailey's force. It is understood that Mr. Pike admitted to Mr. Whitman that he handed the \$500 in cash to Capt. Bailey, that Mr. Leventhal said he gave the money to Pike for that purpose, and that Mr. Mills said he knew of the transaction. It did not appear that any corroborating witness to the actual passing of the money was produced.

It was brought out, however, that the time of the alleged feeing of Capt. Bailey he assigned some of his men to guard the fur factories and their loyal workers. Two of these men were the sergeant and patrolman, who like the other witnesses, went before the Grand Jury under subpoena.

Mr. Whitman seized the blotters and other records of the West Thirtieth street station yesterday by means of a subpoena duces tecum, and had them in the Criminal Courts Building. There he had the assistants in the quest, Assistant District Attorney James L. Smith and William Chivers, were at work last night comparing the assignment of policemen as it appeared on the blotters with the record of payments to policemen by the fur manufacturers as evidenced by the books of the fur manufacturers association, which were seized on Tuesday.

Payments to Cops Charged.

It developed, according to the investigators, that twenty or thirty of Capt. Bailey's subordinates were in the habit of receiving presents ranging from \$10 to \$40 from the furriers as tokens of the latter's esteem. Mr. Whitman believes these patrolmen and sergeants could be indicted new, but he considers them small game compared with the quarry whose trail he has struck. The furriers' books indicate that one firm paid to various members of the Police Department last summer and last \$2,500. Mr. Whitman said that the alleged \$500 payment to Capt. Bailey apparently was only one of many. He added that evidence might be presented against other police captains.

"Does your evidence point to anybody higher than a captain?" he was asked. "I don't want to say that," he answered.

With the Bailey case disposed of for the present, Mr. Whitman turned his flashlight in other directions. He started to examine the suggestion of graft in other city departments. This was contained in a bundle of papers handed to him by Melvin Steinbrink, counsel for the Board of Estimate in its investigation, and constituted all the suspicious matters Mr. Steinbrink has encountered thus far. Mr. Whitman has not sized it up yet. He said last night he did not know how important it might prove to be.

He admitted that other charges he has heard and will investigate include assertions that the police act as "tenderloins" for certain private detective agencies, and become extraordinarily active when times agencies are retained by business men beset by robbers; that policemen even receive pay from private agencies, and that there are certain restaurants in the Tenderloin in which

700,000 DUTCHMEN IDLE; HARDER TIMES LIKELY

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A demonstration occurred in Amsterdam to-day, in which hundreds of the unemployed proclaimed that the State and city must support them. Recently several Dutch manufacturers, including a big cocoa plant, but their employees on holidays without pay.

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Bill to Prevent Leaks in Police Testimony

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, Jan. 13.—

A BILL will be introduced in the Legislature at an early date amending rule 184 of the Police Department regulations. This requires that any policeman who testifies before the District Attorney must report back to the police officials all information given or obtained.

CITY UNDER GUARD ON BOMB PLOT TIP

Special Squads of Police Are Rushed at Night to Financial District.

Sudden Activity Echo of Anarchist Plot Unearthed in Philadelphia.

Information that anarchists had planned widespread destruction in New York by bombs caused the Police Department last night to detail special squads of patrolmen to protect the banks, public buildings, churches, newspaper offices and the homes of prominent persons throughout the city.

While Police Department officials were reticent about making public the cause for the unusual activity, it was reported at headquarters that detectives have unearthed information linking the threatened radical demonstration here with that which the Police Department and the Department of Justice officials in Philadelphia seem to have frustrated by their promptness in guarding buildings there.

The general order under which the department sent out the special guards last night was signed by William J. Lahey, Chief Inspector, and was addressed to all commanders. It ordered them to exercise "special and unusual precautions" by patrolling the banks, newspapers and public buildings, and instruct all patrolmen to be careful and to arrest any known anarchist on sight. The message was flashed from all police boxes in the city, and a few minutes later the special details began leaving the station houses.

Manhattan Danger Point.

The guards established in Manhattan were especially heavy in the financial district and along upper Fifth avenue. Such buildings as the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. in Wall street, the Stock Exchange, Trinity Church and all of the city and Government buildings in City Hall Park and nearby were almost entirely surrounded by patrolmen, while other guards patrolled lower Broadway, where large numbers of banks are located, and the Custom House.

There were more patrolmen on duty along Fifth avenue last night than there have been in many months. One man was in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral and another was detailed to St. Thomas Church, at Fifth avenue and Fifth third street, with the three Vanderbilt homes between them and in plain sight of both.

Another policeman was stationed in front of the home of Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes, at Fifth street and Madison avenue, while others patrolled the streets near the Rockefeller home in Fifty-fourth street, the Carnegie home in Eighty-fourth street and the residences of other prominent citizens in that vicinity.

Police Are Reticent.

Officials at headquarters, while they confirmed the reports that the order had been issued, would not discuss the matter further than to say they had sufficient reason for establishing the guard.

Walter C. Foster, in charge of the Department of Justice offices in Philadelphia, declared that Wednesday night was the first of several nights on which the anarchists had planned to spread terror throughout the city by bombs. He intimated that the danger would not be past for several days. The instructions of the New York Police Headquarters to all patrolmen, "to arrest any known anarchist on sight" appears to justify the belief that large numbers of radicals are concerned in the threatened outbreak.

So far as could be learned last night neither the United States Secret Service nor the Department of Justice was assisting the police. George F. Lamb, divisional superintendent of the United States Secret Service, could not be located, but it was said at his office that the department had no knowledge of what the police were doing.

For some weeks there have been persistent reports around headquarters that detectives of the Bomb Squad and other special details were working on a plot to destroy several public buildings, churches and other structures throughout the city.

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FOUR DRY AGENTS TAKEN IN CROOKED \$40,000 RUM DEAL

Saloonist and Two Aids Are Also Arrested in Brooklyn in 1,000 Case Transaction.

FOUR TRUCKS SEIZED Using Forged Permits and Offering and Accepting Bribes Charged Against Accused Men.

ROSS DEMANDS CLEANUP Asserts Prohibition Office Is Filled With Crooks and Honeycombed With Graft.

Four prohibition agents and three other men were arrested yesterday in Brooklyn charged with being concerned in a conspiracy for the removal of 1,000 cases of whiskey through forged permits and the offering and accepting of bribes.

The arrests were made under the direction of Hugh McQuillan, chief of the "Shoo Fly" squad sent from Washington by Internal Revenue Commissioner Williams to investigate dry law graft.

The prohibition agents taken into custody are: William H. Hurley, an inspector in the office of Charles R. O'Connor, New York Federal director of prohibition in charge of the issuance of permits for the manufacture, removal, transportation and sale of liquor for non-beverage purposes; Edward J. Dunn, an inspector for Director O'Connor since July 15, 1920.

John J. Dunn, an enforcement agent under Daniel Chapin, chief enforcement officer for this district. Samuel Elliprin, enforcement agent since February 1, 1920.

The others arrested are: Mammie H. Kessler, wholesale liquor dealer, 115 West Twenty-eighth street, charged with being the eighth of this particular bootleggers' ring.

Samuel Cohen, an employee of Kessler, charged with handling forged permits for the removal of liquor from the Essential Chemical Company of 49 Cook street, Brooklyn.

Phillip Coffey of Troy, also an employee of Kessler, who from June 30 to November 17 was an inspector in Director O'Connor's office.

Six-District Attorney Taken.

Director O'Connor said Hurley was formerly District Attorney of Seneca Falls on June 5, 1920, and since then has been one of the Government's most trusted liquor hunters.

At the same time the arrests were being made the Federal Grand Jury in Manhattan found indictments against Mammie H. Kessler, a former trusted clerk in Director O'Connor's office; Edward Donegan, a contractor of Brooklyn, and Sigmund (Beany) Rosenfeld, a gambler.

Donegan is charged with having paid a bribe of \$5,000 to one of McQuillan's agents and is now at liberty under \$100,000 bail. Miss Sassone, it is alleged, sold valuable office records and turned them over to Donegan, who used the papers for the removal and sale of liquor valued at more than \$100,000. Rosenfeld was indicted on the charge of offering a bribe of \$25,000 to buy out the scandal. He and Miss Sassone are out on \$25,000 bail each. The accused trio probably will be arraigned to-day.

"If there are any crooks in my office I am glad to have them nailed, and on the other hand if they are innocent I am sorry," said Director O'Connor when informed of the arrest of Hurley and Streppone. Mr. O'Connor added that Hurley had come to him from Seneca Falls with the best recommendation of the State.

Mr. Streppone, both of whom up to this time, he said, had performed their work with the utmost satisfaction. Chief Chapin said the arrest of Dunn and Elliprin, who have been working in Brooklyn for a month, "ends a long and successful record." Since coming to New York a month ago Chief Chapin has discharged more than thirty enforcement agents by order of the court, including diamonds and expensive clothes and has more or less good sized bank accounts. An enforcement agent's yearly salary, including allowances, is \$17,500.

Place Watched for Weeks.

Yesterday's arrests came as the result of the shadowing for some weeks